

Claims

1. A digital audio system comprising means for reproducing digital audio  
5 signals from a signal source controlled by a control device, characterised in that  
the control device is provided with a manually operable input arrangement which  
is movable in two directions such that movement in a first direction causes the  
reproduction of a portion of the signals to be omitted and movement in a second  
direction causes the reproduction of a portion of the signals to be repeated.
- 10 2. A system as claimed in claim 1 in which the manually operable input  
means is movable in forward and reverse directions to control the reproduction of  
the audio signals.
- 15 3. A system as claimed in claim 1 or 2 in which the movement of the  
manually operable input arrangement causes the omission of a periodic portion of  
the signal, with the size of the portion depending on the rate of movement.
4. A system as claimed in claim 3 in which if the rate of movement in the first  
20 direction exceeds a predetermined threshold, a complete section of audio signal is  
omitted.
5. A system as claimed in any preceding claim in which the amount of  
movement of the manually operable input arrangement determines the size of the  
25 portion of the audio signal to be repeated or omitted.

6. A system as claimed in any preceding claim in which consecutive reproduction of the audio signals recommences when any movement of the manually operable input arrangement has ceased, from a point determined by the amount of movement of the manually operable input arrangement.

7. A digital audio system as claimed in any preceding claim in which the signal source is a removable digital memory device.

8. A digital audio system as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 in which the signal source is a broadcast signal, further comprising a buffer memory for storing a portion of the most recently broadcast signals.

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